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1. Aleksandr A. Kartsev, Cultural-Press Attache of the Soviet Legation in Colombia allegedly stated that, although the Colombo-Soviet Institute of Cultural Exchange is a recognized legal entity under Colombian law, it is advisable to have the Institute premises leased in the name of a responsible Colombian. As a consequence, new Institute quarters, located at Carrera 8, No. 20-30, have been leased for two years from Senora Clotilde Tellez de Vasquez in the name of Dr. Juan Francisco Mujica. Dr. Alfonso Lopez Michelsen, eldest son of the former Liberal President of Colombia, signed the contract as guarantor. The contract allows the right of extension, or renewal, after the 2-year period.
2. According to source, Dr. Mujica is intimately connected with the interests of the Soviet Legation in Colombia. Should the Soviets decide to withdraw from Colombia, Mujica would undoubtedly continue to handle the affairs of the Institute, with the possible assistance of Dr. Lopez Michelsen.
3. It was reported that, although Dr. Lopez Michelsen is an intimate friend of Kartsev, he is not known to be a Communist Party member, nor even sympathetic to Communist ideology.

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